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SANTO LANZAFAME in his fiduciary capacity as a Trustee of THE STONE SETTERS LOCAL 84
PENSION FUND, ANNUITY FUND, VACATION - : FUND, APPRENTICE FUND and INDUSTRY
PROMOTION FUND and as a Trustee of the BRICKLAYERS LOCAL NO. 1 WELFARE AND INSURANCE FUND and as President of the BRICKLAYER AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS, LOCAL UNION NO .1, NEW YORK, B.A.C.I.U : AFL-CIO, :

Civ. No. 07 Civ. 3351 (RWS)

Plaintiffs,

v.

TRIBEC LTD., ADAM OTTAVINO and JOHN or JANE DOE FIDUCIARY,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS OR STAY THIS ACTION BASED ON ARBITRATION CLAUSES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Defendants Tribec Ltd. and Adam Ottavino, by their attorney, David J. Aronstam, Esq., will move this Court before the Honorable Robert W. Sweet, U.S.D.J., at the Daniel Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 18C, New York, New York 10007, at 2:00 p.m., on July 18, 2007, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order or orders (i) staying this action under the Federal Arbitration Act pending the conclusion of arbitration between the parties, and (ii) such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

In support of its motion, Defendants will rely on the declaration of David J.

Aronstam dated June 15, 2007 and the accompanying Memorandum of Law in support, dated June 15, 2007.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Plaintiff's opposition, if any, is due on or before July 6, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., and Defendants' Reply, if any, is due on or before July 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Dated: New York, New York June 15, 2007

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DECLARATION OF DAVID J. ARONSTAM IN SUPPORT OF THE DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS OR STAY THIS ACTION BASED ON ARBITRATION CLAUSES

DAVID J. ARONSTAM, declares, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before this Court. I make this declaration to place before the Court certain documents that the Defendants rely upon in support of their motion for an order or orders (i) staying this action under the Federal Arbitration Act pending the conclusion of arbitration between the parties, and (ii) such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
- 2. A true and correct copy of the Complaint filed by the Plaintiff in this matter is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 3. A true and correct copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the parties referred to at paragraph 17 of the Complaint filed by the Plaintiff in this matter is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.
- 4. A true and correct copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties referred to at paragraph 17 of the Complaint filed by the Plaintiff in this matter is annexed hereto as Exhibit C.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 15th day of June, 2007.

DAVID J. ARONSTAM

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SANTO LANZAFAME in his fiduciary capacity as a rule of the STONE SETTERS LOCAL 84 PENSION FUND, ANNUITY FUND, VACATION FUND, APPRENTICE FUND and INDUSTRY PROMOTION FUND and as a Trustee of the BRICKLAYERS LOCAL NO. 1 WELFARE AND INSURANCE: FUND and as President of the BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED: CRAFTWORKERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 1, NEW YORK, B.A.C.I.U., AFL-CIO,

COMPLAINT

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

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Defendants.

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Plaintiff SANTO LANZAFAME in his fiduciary capacity as a Trustee of the STONE SETTERS LOCAL 84 PENSION FUND, ANNUITY FUND, VACATION FUND, APPRENTICE FUND and INDUSTRY PROMOTION FUND, as a Trustee of the BRICKLAYERS LOCAL NO. 1 WELFARE AND INSURANCE FUND (collectively, "FUNDS"), and as President of the BRICKLAYER AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1, NEW YORK, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS, AFL-CIO ("LOCAL 1") by their attorneys, HOLM & O'HARA LLP ("H&O"), as and for their Complaint against Defendants allege the following:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is an action arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1001, et seq., the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947

("LMRA"), 29 U.S.C. § 141, et seq., and the common law.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction over the causes of action alleged herein is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337; by 29 U.S.C. §§ 185(c), 1109(a), 1132(a)(2), 1132(a)(3), 1132(d), 1132(e)(1), and 1132(f); Fed. Rules Civ. Pro. Rule 19(a); 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a); and by the principles of supplemental jurisdiction.
- 3. Venue is properly placed in the Southern District of New York under 29 U.S.C. §§ 185 (a) and 1132(e)(2) in that the Stone Setters Local No. 84 Pension Fund, Annuity Fund, Vacation Fund, Apprentice Fund and Industry Promotion Fund are administered in the county of New York, New York.

<u>PARTIES</u>

- 4. Plaintiff FUNDS are jointly-trusteed "multiemployer plans" established pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement and by trust indentures. The FUNDS are "employee benefit plans" within the meaning of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(2), (3), and 1132(d)(1) and "multiemployer plans" within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(37) and 1145. The FUNDS are authorized to maintain suit as an independent legal entity under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d)(l). The Stone Setters Local 84 Pension Fund, Annuity Fund, Vacation Fund, Apprentice Fund and Industry Promotion Fund are administered in New York County at 200 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003-1599. The Bricklayers Local No. 1 Welfare and Insurance Fund is administered in Queens County at 66-05 Woodhaven Blvd., Rego Park, New York 11374.
- 5. Plaintiff LOCAL 1 is a voluntary association formed under the laws of the State of New York and a labor organization within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 185 that represents

employees in an industry affecting commerce as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 142(1) and 29 U.S.C. §1002(12). LOCAL 1 maintains offices located at 4 Court Square, Long Island City, New York 11101.

- 6. Plaintiff SANTO LANZAFAME is a Trustee of the FUNDS, and President of LOCAL 1, and this lawsuit is brought in his capacity as a fiduciary of the FUNDS within the meaning of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002 (21).
- 7. Upon information and belief, defendant TRIBEC LTD. ("TRIBEC") is a corporation organized under, and existing by virtue of, the laws of the State of New York with its office and principal place of business located at 23-03 45th Road, Suite 203, Long Island City, NY 11101.
- . 8. Upon information and belief, TRIBEC is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce, within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 185 and an employer within the meaning of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(5) and 1145.
- 9. Upon information and belief, defendant ADAM OTTAVINO ("OTTAVINO"), a natural person, is President of TRIBEC.
- 10. Upon information and belief, defendant OTTAVINO is a fiduciary with respect to the FUNDS within the meaning of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) and Article 3-A of the New York Lien Law.
- 11. Upon information and belief, OTTAVINO exercised authority or control respecting the management or disposition of plan assets that should have been held in trust by TRIBEC and remitted to the FUNDS.
 - 12. Upon information and belief, OTTAVINO exercised unauthorized dominion or

control respecting management or disposition of union dues and assessments ("DUES") that should have been held in trust by TRIBEC and remitted to LOCAL 1, in a manner that interfered with LOCAL 1's legal title or superior right of possession of said DUES.

- Upon information and belief, JANE and/or JOHN DOE FIDUCIARY ("DOE 13. FIDUCIARY") is a fiduciary within the meaning of ERISA 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) and Article 3-A of the New York Lien Law.
- 14. Upon information and belief, DOE FIDUCIARY exercised authority or control respecting the management or disposition of plan assets that should have been held in trust by TRIBEC and remitted to the FUNDS.
- 15. Upon information and belief, DOE FIDUCIARY exercised unauthorized dominion or control respecting management or disposition of DUES that should have been held in trust by TRIBEC and remitted to LOCAL 1, in a manner that interfered with LOCAL 1's legal title or superior right of possession of said DUES.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 16. TRIBEC is an Independent Contractor in the stone setting and stone tending trades.
- 17. On July 18, 2006, OTTAVINO, on behalf of himself and TRIBEC, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with LOCAL 1 ("MEMORANDUM") for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009, modifying and extending the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent Contractors and Local 1 Stone Setters and Stone Tenders effective July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005 ("CBA") (collectively "AGREEMENT").
 - 18. The final paragraph of the AGREEMENT directly preceding the signature line

binds OTTAVINO "in a dual capacity both on behalf of himself and on behalf of the employer and represents by his signature his authority to bind the firm and the principals and members thereof."

- 19. OTTAVINO, having executed the AGREEMENT, is bound personally for all liability arising under the AGREEMENT.
- 20. The AGREEMENT, including but not limited to Articles 3 and 7, defines: a) the employees covered by the AGREEMENT; and b) the work covered by the AGREEMENT.
- 21. Articles 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the AGREEMENT require OTTAVINO and/or TRIBEC (collectively "EMPLOYER") to pay contributions to each of the FUNDS for all employees employed by EMPLOYER and covered by the AGREEMENT, in the amounts specified by the AGREEMENT, for each hour of work performed.
- 22. Article 29 requires EMPLOYER to deduct and remit DUES for all LOCAL 1 members, as per the amounts specified in the AGREEMENT.
- 23. Where the payment of wages and fringe benefit contributions are not made timely and require the FUNDS to institute a collection action, Article 24 of the AGREEMENT requires EMPLOYER to pay interest, liquidated damages, audit costs, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses to the full extent as provided by law.
- 24. Article 27 of the AGREEMENT requires EMPLOYER to submit to an audit of their books and records and to pay any delinquent contributions, audit charges and attorneys' fees. In addition, EMPLOYER is required to pay a service charge of ten percent (10%) of the amount found to be delinquent.
 - 25. Article 32 of the AGREEMENT forbids EMPLOYER from subcontracting or

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subletting any work covered by the AGREEMENT to "any person, firm, or corporation which is not in a contractual relationship with LOCAL 1."

- 26. Article 27 of the AGREEMENT requires EMPLOYER to retain for a period of six (6) years payroll and related records necessary for a proper audit.
- 27. In the event EMPLOYER refuses to turn over the books necessary to conduct a proper audit, Article 27 of the AGREEMENT permits the Trustees to determine that: 1) EMPLOYER's monthly hours subject to contributions for each month of the audit period are the highest number of hours for any month during the twelve (12) preceding months audited; 2) the highest number of employee's hours for any month during the last twelve months for which

reports were filed; or 3) a number of hours based on a labor factor analysis derived from contracts and invoices specifying the performance of bargaining unit work.

Notification to the EMPLOYER

- 28. By letter dated November 6, 2006, sent via overnight mail, H&O on behalf of the FUNDS, advised EMPLOYER that checks for payment of contributions for the weeks of July 26, 2006 through August 1, 2006 and August 3, 2006 through August 8, 2006 were returned for insufficient funds and demanded that EMPLOYER re-issue two new checks.
- 29. EMPLOYER failed to respond to H&O's November 6, 2006 letter and failed to re-issue two new checks.
- 30. By letter dated March 8, 2007, H&O was informed by the FUNDS' auditor, Kobgo Associates, Inc., that TRIBEC failed to cooperate with an audit authorized by the FUNDS.
 - 31. By letter dated March 23, 2007, H&O demanded that TRIBEC honor its

AGREEMENT and ERISA obligations and cooperate with an audit.

32. To date, TRIBEC has failed to respond to the demands in H&O's March 23, 2007 demands.

Violations of the AGREEMENT, ERISA and Common Law

- 33. Pursuant to the AGREEMENT and ERISA, the FUNDS are entitled to injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring EMPLOYER to produce for inspection and copying the information from TRIBEC's complete books and records, to verify the accuracy of contributions made by EMPLOYER.
- 34. In violation of the AGREEMENT and ERISA, EMPLOYER failed to remit delinquent contributions to the FUNDS for the period July 2006 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.
- as. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2) and the AGREEMENT, the FUNDS are entitled to recover: a) all delinquent contributions for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) liquidated damages of twenty (20%) percent; c) interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum; d) injunctive relief; e) the costs of the audit; f) plus reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.
- 36. In violation of the AGREEMENT, EMPLOYER failed to remit DUES to LOCAL 1 for the period July 2006 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.
- 37. Pursuant to the AGREEMENT and New York CPLR §§ 5001 and 5004, LOCAL 1 is entitled to recover all delinquent DUES for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, and pre-judgment interest at 9% per annum from the due

date to the date paid.

Fiduciary Claims

- 38. New York Lien Law, Article 3A, §-70 imposes a trust upon all funds dedicated to an improvement of a parcel of real property.
- 39. New York Lien Law, Article 3A also imposes a fiduciary duty on EMPLOYER to distribute the proceeds of the trust in accordance with the priority scheme set forth therein.
- 40. Article 30 of the AGREEMENT binds EMPLOYER directly to the provisions of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust for each of the FUNDS as though EMPLOYER had actually signed the individual documents, and further binds EMPLOYER to all actions taken by the Trustees of each of the FUNDS pursuant to said Agreements and Declarations of Trust, as amended, and their respective plans, as amended.
- 41. The Agreement and Declaration of Trust for each of the FUNDS provides in relevant part under Article II, Section 3 that "The Trust Fund continued hereby is for the purpose of providing...benefits for eligible Employees, participants and their beneficiaries as may be permitted by law under a plan of benefits adopted by the Trustees..."
- 42. The Agreement and Declaration of Trust for each of the FUNDS provides in relevant part under Article II, Section 4 that: "The Trust Fund continued hereby shall be and constitute an irrevocable trust established for the exclusive benefit of Employees, all in accordance with Section 302(c) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1974, as amended, in accordance with ERISA and in compliance with Sec. 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code."

 OTTAVINO As Fiduciary
 - 43. OTTAVINO exercised the authority to sign checks on behalf of EMPLOYER

including checks which should have been submitted to the FUNDS for contributions.

- 44. In violation of the AGREEMENT and ERISA, EMPLOYER has failed to remit all contributions for the period July 2006 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.
- 45. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a) and the AGREEMENT, the FUNDS are entitled to recover from OTTAVINO the following: a) all delinquent contributions found due and owing from June 30, 2005 to date and continuing during the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) interest at ten percent (10%) per annum on all delinquent contributions (as defined in the AGREEMENT); c) the costs of an audit; and d) reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.
- Pursuant to Article 29 of the AGREEMENT, EMPLOYER was required to remit · 46. DUES on a monthly basis to LOCAL 1 for each person represented by LOCAL 1 in the employ of EMPLOYER.
- 47. Upon information and belief, OTTAVINO exercised dominion and control respecting management or disposition of union DUES that should have been held in trust by EMPLOYER and remitted to LOCAL 1.
- 48. Upon information and belief, OTTAVINO failed to remit all union DUES due and owing to LOCAL 1 for EMPLOYER employees from July 2006 to date and continuing during the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.
- 49. OTTAVINO interfered with plaintiff LOCAL 1's right to possess and control those DUES under common law.
 - 50. Pursuant to common law, LOCAL 1 is entitled to recover from EMPLOYER the

DUES for the time period between June 30, 2005 to date and continuing during the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, plus interest and attorney's fees thereon.

DOE FIDUCIARY As Fiduciary

- 51. Upon information and belief, DOE FIDUCIARY exercised the authority to sign checks on behalf of TRIBEC including checks which should have been submitted to the FUNDS for contributions.
- 52. In violation of the AGREEMENT and ERISA, DOE FIDUCIARY has failed to remit all contributions for the period July 2006 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.
- 53. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a) and the AGREEMENT, the FUNDS are entitled to recover from DOE FIDUCIARY the following: a) all delinquent contributions found due and owing from June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) interest at ten percent (10%) per annum on all delinquent contributions (as defined in the AGREEMENT); c) the costs of an audit; and d) reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.
- 54. Pursuant to Article29 of the AGREEMENT, EMPLOYER was required to remit union DUES on a monthly basis to LOCAL 1 for each person represented by LOCAL 1 in the employ of TRIBEC.
- 55. DOE FIDUCIARY exercised dominion and control respecting management or disposition of union DUES that should have been held in trust by EMPLOYER and remitted to LOCAL 1.
 - 56. DOE FIDUCIARY failed to remit union DUES due and owing to LOCAL 1 for

employees of TRIBEC for July 2006 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit.

- 57. DOE FIDUCIARY interfered with plaintiff-LOCAL 1's right to possess and control those DUES under common law.
- 58. Pursuant to common law, LOCAL 1 is entitled to recover from DOE FIDUCIARY the union DUES for June 30, 2005 to date and continuing during the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, and interest and attorney's fees thereon.

Injunctive Relief

- 59. The EMPLOYER's failure to abide by the AGREEMENT will result in the FUNDS being required to deny the employee-beneficiaries of the FUNDS for whom required contributions may not have been made, the benefits provided thereunder, thereby causing to such employee-beneficiaries substantial and irreparable damage.
- 60. Further, the FUNDS will be required to provide to employees of the EMPLOYER benefits provided for under the AGREEMENT, notwithstanding the EMPLOYER's failure to make required contributions, thereby reducing the corpus of funds administered by the FUNDS and endangering the rights of employee-beneficiaries thereunder on whose behalf contributions are being made, all to their substantial and irreparable injury.
- The FUNDS are without an adequate remedy at law and the employee-61. beneficiaries of the FUNDS and the members of LOCAL 1 will suffer immediate, continuing, and irreparable injury, loss, and damage unless the EMPLOYER is ordered to perform specifically all of its obligations to the FUNDS and LOCAL 1 under the terms of the AGREEMENT and is restrained from continuing its refusal to perform.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF FUNDS' FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST EMPLOYER

- 62. Plaintiff FUNDS repeat and reallege paragraphs "1" through "61" hereof with the same force and effect as if such were fully set forth herein.
- 63. EMPLOYER's failure to submit contributions due and owing the FUNDS as set forth in paragraphs "28" through "32" herein, constitutes a violation of 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132 and 1145.
- 64. Accordingly, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2), the FUNDS are entitled to recover the following: a) all unpaid contributions found due and owing for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) liquidated damages in the amount of twenty percent (20%) on all unpaid contributions; c) simple interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum (as defined in the AGREEMENT) on all unpaid contributions; d) the costs of the audit; and e) attorney's fees, expenses and the costs of the action.

AS AND FOR THE PLAINTIFF FUNDS' SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST THE EMPLOYER

- 65. Plaintiff FUNDS repeat and reallege paragraphs "1" through "64" hereof with the same force and effect as if such were set forth here in full.
- 66. EMPLOYER's failure to submit contributions due and owing to the FUNDS for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, as set forth in paragraphs "28" through "32" herein, constitutes a violation of the AGREEMENT.
 - 67. Accordingly, the AGREEMENT entitles the FUNDS to receive from

EMPLOYER the following: a) all unpaid contributions for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) the costs of an audit; and c) full damages pursuant to ERISA including liquidated damages of 20%, interest at 10% per annum (as defined in the AGREEMENT), costs of the action, attorney's fees, and expenses.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF FUNDS' THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST EMPLOYER

- 68. Plaintiff FUNDS repeat and reallege paragraphs "1" through "67" hereof with the same force and effect as if such were fully set forth herein.
- 69. 29 U.S.C. § 1132, Article 27 of the AGREEMENT and the common law permit the FUNDS to conduct an audit of EMPLOYER to verify that the FUNDS receive the correct contributions.
- 70. Accordingly, the FUNDS are entitled to an order requiring EMPLOYER to produce all of its books and records deemed necessary by the FUNDS' auditor to conduct an audit examination of EMPLOYER for the period June 30, 2005 to date. In addition, the FUNDS are entitled to reimbursement for the costs of the audit pursuant to the AGREEMENT if a delinquency is found.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF LOCAL 1'S FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST EMPLOYER

- Plaintiff LOCAL 1 repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in 71. paragraphs "1" through "70" of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
- 72. EMPLOYER's failure to remit DUES to LOCAL 1 for the period June 30, 2005 to date, as set forth in paragraphs "28" through "32" herein, constitutes a violation of Article 29 of

the AGREEMENT.

73. Accordingly, EMPLOYER is liable to LOCAL 1 for the following: a) unremitted Dues for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; and b) accrued prejudgment interest on said DUES.

AS AND FOR THE PLAINTIFF FUNDS' FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT OTTAVINO

- The Plaintiff FUNDS repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in 74. paragraphs "1" through "73" of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
 - 75. EMPLOYER is required to make contributions to the FUNDS.
- 76. OTTAVINO is a fiduciary under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(21)(A), with respect to the FUNDS, to the extent he exercises authority or control respecting management or disposition of FUNDS' assets on behalf of EMPLOYER.
- 77. Similarly, OTTAVINO is a fiduciary under New York Lien Law, Article 3-A § 70 to the extent that he controls the proceeds received by EMPLOYER for work performed in the connection with an improvement of real property.
- 78. OTTAVINO's failure to submit contributions due and owing from EMPLOYER to the FUNDS, as set forth in paragraphs "43" through "50" herein, constitutes a violation of ERISA fiduciary duties, 29 U.S.C. § 1104 and the fiduciary duties imposed by New York Lien Law, Article 3-A.
- 79. Pursuant to ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1109(a), OTTAVINO is personally liable to make good any losses to the FUNDS resulting from each such breach and to restore any profits which would have been made through use of assets of the FUNDS.
 - 80. Accordingly, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109 and 1132(g)(1), the FUNDS are

entitled to recover from OTTAVINO personally: a) all of EMPLOYER's unpaid contributions for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing through the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; b) accrued prejudgment interest on said unpaid contributions; and c) reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and the cost of the action, including the costs of the audit.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF LOCAL 1's FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT OTTAVINO

- 81. Plaintiff LOCAL 1 repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "80" hereof with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 82. In violation of the AGREEMENT and common law, OTTAVINO failed to remit DUES to LOCAL 1 for members employed by TRIBEC for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing through the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, as set forth in paragraphs "43" through "50."
- 83. Pursuant to Article 29 of the AGREEMENT and common law, TRIBEC was required to remit DUES on a monthly basis to LOCAL 1 for each member of LOCAL 1 in the employ of TRIBEC.
- 84. OTTAVINO, as an officer of TRIBEC, exercised dominion and control respecting management or disposition of DUES.
- 85. OTTAVINO was obligated to hold DUES in trust and remit them to LOCAL 1 pursuant to the AGREEMENT and common law.
- 86. OTTAVINO interfered with Plaintiff LOCAL 1's right to possess and control those DUES.
- 87. Pursuant to the AGREEMENT and common law, OTTAVINO is personally liable to make good any losses to LOCAL 1 from any breach of his duty to remit DUES due and owing

to LOCAL 1.

88. Accordingly, pursuant to the AGREEMENT and common law, LOCAL 1 is entitled to recover from OTTAVINO personally all unpaid-DUES found due and owing for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; and b) pre-judgment interest on said DUES.

AS AND FOR THE PLAINTIFF FUNDS' FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT DOE FIDUCIARY

- 89. The Plaintiff FUNDS repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "88" of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
 - 90. EMPLOYER is required to make contributions to the FUNDS.
- 91. DOE FIDUCIARY is a fiduciary under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(21)(A), with respect to the FUNDS, to the extent he/she exercises authority or control respecting management or disposition of FUNDS' assets on behalf of EMPLOYER.
- 92. Similarly, DOE FIDUCIARY is a fiduciary under New York Lien Law, Article 3-A, § 70 to the extent that he/she controls the proceeds received by TRIBEC for work performed in the connection with an improvement of real property.
- 93. DOE FIDUCIARY's failure to submit contributions due and owing from EMPLOYER to the FUNDS, as set forth in paragraphs "51" through "58" herein, constitutes a violation of ERISA fiduciary duties, 29 U.S.C. § 1104 and the fiduciary duties imposed by New York Lien Law, Article 3-A.
- Pursuant to ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1109(a), DOE FIDUCIARY is personally liable to 94. make good any losses to the FUNDS resulting from each such breach and to restore any profits which would have been made through use of assets of the FUNDS.

95. Accordingly, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109 and 1132(g)(1), the FUNDS are entitled to recover from DOE FIDUCIARY personally: a) all EMPLOYER's unpaid contributions for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing through the pendency of this action, in an amount subject to verification by audit; b) accrued prejudgment interest on said unpaid contributions; and c) reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and the cost of the action, including the costs of the audit.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF LOCAL 1's FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT DOE FIDUCIARY

- 96. Plaintiff LOCAL 1 repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "95" hereof with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 97. In violation of the AGREEMENT and common law, DOE FIDUCIARY failed to remit DUES to LOCAL 1 for members employed by TRIBEC for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, as set forth in paragraphs "51" through "58" herein.
- 98. Pursuant to Article 34 of the AGREEMENT and common law, TRIBEC was required to remit DUES to LOCAL 1 for each member of LOCAL 1 in the employ of TRIBEC.
- 99. DOE FIDUCIARY exercised dominion and control respecting the management or disposition of DUES.
- 100. DOE FIDUCIARY was obligated to hold the DUES in trust and remit them to Local 1.
- DOE FIDUCIARY interfered with Plaintiff LOCAL 1's right to possess and 101. control those DUES under common law.
 - 102. Accordingly, pursuant to the AGREEMENT and common law, LOCAL 1 is

entitled to recover from DOE FIDUCIARY: a) all unpaid DUES due and owing for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit; and b) pre-judgment interest on said DUES from the date the cause of action accrued.

AS AND FOR PLAINTIFF FUNDS' AND PLAINTIFF LOCAL 1'S FIRST JOINT CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST EMPLOYER

- 103. Plaintiffs FUNDS and LOCAL 1 repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "102" of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
- 104. As described in paragraphs "28" through "32" herein, EMPLOYER has failed do the following: a) remit contributions timely for all employees performing work covered by the AGREEMENT; and b) remit DUES timely for all employees performing work covered by the AGREEMENT. EMPLOYER's conduct demonstrates a significant likelihood that they will continue to breach the terms of the AGREEMENT.
- Plaintiffs FUNDS and LOCAL 1 have no adequate remedy at law to ensure that 105. EMPLOYER will adhere to the terms of the AGREEMENT.
- 106. Participants of plaintiff FUNDS and members of plaintiff LOCAL 1 will suffer immediate and irreparable injury unless EMPLOYER, its officers, agents, servants and employees are enjoined from failing to pay the required contributions and DUES pursuant to the AGREEMENT.
- 107. Accordingly, plaintiffs FUNDS and LOCAL 1 request this Court to enjoin permanently EMPLOYER, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them from failing to do the following: a) pay contributions to the FUNDS as they come due; and b) pay DUES to LOCAL 1 as they come due. Plaintiffs are

entitled to such relief pursuant to the AGREEMENT and ERISA.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs FUNDS and LOCAL 1 hereby request judgment as follows:

against EMPLOYER for all outstanding past due contributions to the FUNDS from June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132;

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- 2. against EMPLOYER for payment of all outstanding DUES for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, along with interest thereon in accordance with the AGREEMENT and Common Law;
- against EMPLOYER for statutory liquidated damages of twenty percent (20%) on all contributions found due and owing under the AGREEMENT, in accordance with ERISA;
- 4. against the EMPLOYER for interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) on all unpaid contributions found to be due and owing under the AGREEMENT, in accordance with ERISA and the AGREEMENT;
- 5. against EMPLOYER for all audit costs in accordance with ERISA and the AGREEMENT;
- 6. against EMPLOYER for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses from this action in accordance with the AGREEMENT and ERISA;
- 7. against EMPLOYER in the form of an Order under 29 U.S.C. § 1132 the AGREEMENT and the common law requiring EMPLOYER to produce all its books and records deemed necessary by the FUNDS' auditor for inspection and copying to determine the correct amount of contributions due and owing the FUNDS;
- 8. against EMPLOYER permanently enjoining EMPLOYER, its officers, agents, servants, employees and all person in active concert or participation with them, from failing to do the following: a) timely pay contributions to the FUNDS; and b) timely pay DUES to LOCAL 1;
- 9. against EMPLOYER in the form of an Order under 29 U.S.C. §1132 and the common law, permitting the FUNDS the right to estimate and enter judgment on the amount of EMPLOYER's contributions due and owing and to assess prejudgment interest of 10% per annum (as defined in the AGREEMENT) on said contributions, liquidated damages of twenty percent (20%) on said contributions, audit costs, reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses;

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- 10. against EMPLOYER for accrued prejudgment interest on all unpaid DUES found to be due and owing under the AGREEMENT:
- 11. against OTTAVINO and DOE FICUDIARY for all outstanding past due contributions to the FUNDS, for the period June 30, 2005 to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit, in accordance with ERISA;
- against OTTAVINO and DOE FIDUCIARY for payment of all unpaid DUES due 12. and owing LOCAL 1 for the period June 30, 2005to date and continuing throughout the pendency of this action, subject to verification by audit;
- against OTTAVINO and DOE FIDUCIARY for accrued prejudgment interest on 13. all outstanding past due contributions to the FUNDS;
- against OTTAVINO and DOE FIDUCIARY for accrued prejudgment interest on 14. all outstanding past due DUES to LOCAL 1;
- against OTTAVINO and DOE FIDUCIARY for attorney's fees, costs and 15. expenses, including the cost of an audit, from this action, in accordance with ERISA; and

for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 16.

Dated: New York, New York April 26, 2007

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This Collective Bargaining Agreement ("Agreement"), is made

(hereinaster known as the "Employer") and the Bricklayers and Allied Crastsworkers Local Union No. 1 ("Local 1" and/or "Union")

ARTICLE 1

30, 2002, inclusive. The term of this Agreement is to run from July 1, 1999 to June

sixty (60) days before the first Tuesday of April 2002 of any change desired. This notification will be sent by Registered mail. Either party in this Agreement shall notify the other party

WORKDAY ARTICLE 2

a half hour lunch from 12:00 noon to 12:30 P.M. The hours of labor shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. with

and 9:00 A.M. with lunch after four (4) hours. industry. Starting time must be between the hours of 7:00 A.M. one (1) or more payroll weeks as the program is currently run in the site basis and only after notice on or before noon on Tuesday preceding the payroll week. Flexible starring time must be used for of the Employer. Flexible starting time must be utilized on a job Flexible starting time may be utilized on all jobs at the option

RECOGNITION ARTICLE 3

York. The Union is hereby recognized as the exclusive Collective the New York City and all of Long Island within the State of New (a) This Agreement is effective in the region of

on work specified in Article 7 hereof. prentices" shall include, but not limited to, all persons employed Agreement. The terms "Stone Setter", "Stone Tenders" and "Aptices ("employee(s)") employed by the Employer Party to this Bargaining Agent of all Stone Setters, Stone Tenders and Appren-

ces. The Employer agrees that it will not request an NRLB elecall employees within that bargaining unit, on all present and future employees in the bargaining unit described herein, the Employer Employer is satisfied that the Union represents a majority of its resentative as a result of NLRB election requested by the employrecognizes the Union, pursuant to Section 9 (a) of the National job sites within the jurisdiction of the Union, unless and until such lime as the Union loses its status as the employees' exclusive rep-Labor Relations Act, as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for (b) Inasmuch as the Union has submitted proof and the

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE **ARTICLE 4**

who are required to go on jobs outside the confines of Greater New A.M. to 3:30 P.M. provided there is no notice and consent to use employee shall receive seven (7) hours work, namely from 8:00 York shall receive the following travel allowances: flexible time. All Journeymen Stone Setters and Stone Tenders On all work within the confines of Greater New York, the

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travel pay for that day. but does not start work that day must be paid ten dollars (\$10.00) Any Stone Setter or Stone Tender who reports at the job site

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

ployees must be paid every week before quitting time on Wednes-Employer may elect to end the payroll week on Sunday and emupon mutual consent of the parties. Upon written notice, the check. The payroll week shall be determined at the discretion of the Employer determines the payroll week, it may only be changed under what conditions said contractor may resume payments by The payroll week must end between Monday and Thursday. Once the Employer and shall continue for the duration of the project. reviewed by the Arbitration Board to determine whether or not and ditional pay, and said employer must then pay by certified check, for a period of at least one year, and at that time his case shall be entitle the employee so inconvenienced to fourteen (14) hours adpay by check provided that the dishonoring of any check shall shall be printed on the outside of the envelope. The Employer may Security and Withholding Taxes. The employer's name and address in cash marked thereon and with the proper deductions for Social fringe benefit stamps, one to each employees with the time amount Thursday. The amount so paid shall be enclosed in envelopes, with Employees shall be paid every week before quitting time on

to the Union and postmarked within seventy two (72) hours of the placement Journeymen Stone Setters must be paid by check mailed last day worked or the next applicable pay day, whichever is first. Employers to the Union postmarked the next business day. Restarting time. Stamps for laid-off employees may be mailed by effective at quitting time 3:30 P.M. or seven (7) hours after flexible least one (1) hour prior to quitting time. Layoffs shall become three (3) days. Any lay-off within payroll period shall be made at is laid-off, payment for the overtime work shall be remitted within If an employee is required to work overtime on a day which he

OVERTIME ARTICLE 6

time and a half, thereafter it shall be double time. A full hour's pay shall be paid for any portion of the hour worked. First seven (7) weekdays, first two (2) hours of overtime shall be paid at a rate of All overtime on Sundays and holidays, shall be paid at double time rates. All overtime work in excess of seven (7) hours on hours on Saturday will be at time and a half, thereaster it will be at

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only be required to work for half day on Christmas Eve. Employ-No work shall be performed on the following six holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thankssix holidays, due to an emergency, may be granted by the Trade giving and Christmas Day. Permission to work on any of the above ees shall receive a full day's wages for work performed on this half lished premium rate for overtime. In addition, Employees shall Washington's Birthday and Good Friday, shall be paid at the estab-Board. Work performed on the following two holidays,

JURISDICTION **ARTICLE 7**

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A qualified Journeyman Stone Setter shall have supervision over all men engaged on operations where cut stone or any substiderricks in connection with the setting of stone. tute is used. The Stone Setter shall have sole jurisdiction over hand

to, the following work procedures and installation of the following Section 1. Stonemasonry shall consist of, but not limited

> and the cleaning, cutting of joints and pointing of stone work. and the cutting of a draft upon same for plumbing purpose only, ringstones that are roughly dressed upon the beds, joints or reveals, over 10 inches in height; the dressing upon of all jambs, corners and is roughly dressed upon the bids and joints, and range ashlar not the trade); cutting all shoddies, broken ashlar or random ashlar that exterior of buildings by architects and customarily called "stone" in domestic products as are specified and used in the interior or on the (meaning, as to stone, any work manufactured from such foreign or without mortar, setting all cut stone, marble, slate or stone work The laying of all rip rap, rubble work, with or

which they consider necessary in the performance of their work. work is being done. Stonemasons shall have the right to use tools kinds of stone, particularly to the product of the locality where parks, landscaping and cubing or other public works, and to all bridges, railroads, bulkheads, breakwaters, jetties, playgrounds, B. This is to apply to all work in buildings, sewers,

work to achieve and complete the work under the foregoing catego-C. Cleaning, grouting, pointing, and other necessary

shall also include all work formerly performed by employees reptibules within Greater New York and Long Island. This Agreement cut stone. This is to apply to all work on buildings, viaducts, Local 33 New York. resented for collective bargaining by Stone Masons Subordinate bridges and all other work including all stoops, doorways and vesing of artificial stone or any precast concrete or other substitute for Section 2. This Agreement includes the setting and point-

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Section 3. All repairs, renovations, alterations cleaning, roughing and patching, cutting out of joints and pointing on old stone work shall come under the classification of this Agreement. The contractor shall furnish all special cutting tools on this work. It is understood and agreed that any additional work jurisdiction negotiated with any other association or employer may be added to this agreement upon written agreement between the parties.

Section 4. Where the contractor elects to erect his own scaffold, Stone members of Local No. 1 shall retain the right to hang, set, operate, assemble, move, and otherwise handle all scaffolding required for the performance of their duty, with the exception of scaffolding used and erected for multi-trade purpose.

ARTICLE 8 EMPLOYER/UNION MEMBER

Any employee who becomes an employer must take out a withdrawal card of membership fron the Union and his membership shall cease, excepting any benefits that have accrued.

ARTICLE 9 DISHCHARGE

When employees are discharged for any cause, they shall upon request of payment of wages be paid an hour before quitting time. A violation of this ruling entitles the employee(s) to compensation at working rates for the working time that clapses between the time of discharge and the time of receiving his money providing the claimant remains at the job during all the working hours until he is paid. This time will not exceed two days. No claims for waiting time shall be allowed in excess of fourteen (14) hours.

Any person sent to an operation at the request of the employer and not started, weather permitting shall receive four hours pay. If a Journeyman Stone Setter is started on an operation and laid off the same day, he shall receive no less than seven (7) hours pay.

Upon request of the Foreman to remain on the job after 9:00 A.M. because of conditions, the man shall be paid from 8:00 A.M. until told to leave the job provided the men remain on the job available for work from 8:00 A.M. If an employee is ordered out on Saturday, Sunday or Holidays and does not start, he shall receive four (4) hours pay at overtime rates. The employer will endeavor to advise employees of any weekend overtime by noon Friday.

ARTICLE 10 JOB SEEKING

Any Stone Setter, Stone Tender and Apprentice shall be allowed to go upon any job when seeking employment within the jurisdiction of Local 1.

ARTICLE 11 ARBITRATION

All grievances or complaints which cannot be satisfactorily adjusted between the individual employer and the Union will be submitted to a Stone Trade Board which shall consist of three (3) Stone setting contractors selected by the Employer and three (3) persons selected by the Union. The Stone Trade Board shall have the power to render a decision determining the facts in dispute and to order the parties hereto to take such action as may be necessary to assure compliance therewith, including the determination and imposition of damages and fines and the costs of the Stone Trade Board proceeding and such decision shall be final and binding and conclusive with full rights of enforcement in any court of compe-

shall be borne by the party against whom the award is rendered. in any court of competent jurisdiction. The cost of the arbitration binding and conclusive upon the parties with full rights of enforcement may submit the controversy to the American Arbitration Association for the Appointment of an Arbitrator, whose decision will be final, tent jurisdiction. In the event of a tie vote, any party to the dispute

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DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEES FOR **ARTICLE 12**

the Employer must pay in full all fringe benefit contributions. the right to refuse to work hereon until such wages and contributhe employees are unpaid when due, the employees shall reserve cause, on which wages and various Funds contributions of any of and regulations herein agreed to. If a building be abandoned for any tions are paid. After receipt of notice of delinquency as aforesaid No employee shall work for any one not complying with rules

new or modified rules and regulations concerning payments of conbe made frequently. tributions to the Funds, including the requirement that payments ployer of an intention to remove employees, any employee so Fringe Benefit Funds shall have the absolute discretion to establish Agreement provide, however, that at all times the Trustees of the removed because of nonpayment of said contribution shall be paid Union after notice from the Administrators, to the delinquent emfor lost time not to exceed two (2) days pay. The parties to this After a delinquency and a notice by registered mail from the

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TOOLS/CLOTHING/SHANTY **ARTICLE 13**

not to exceed: lack of such facilities, and such liability shall be limited to a sum due to the forcible entry or burning of shanty, tool house or box, or of the Employer is only responsible for loss of clothing and tools liable for all losses of clothing and tools at the job site. A member ceeds. Employers that are not members of the Employer shall be ing only, said box to be moved from floor to floor as the job pro-Employer, properly locked for the protection of his tools and clothtools, for which they shall be provided a suitable tool box by their Employees shall provide themselves with the proper kit of

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assorted wrenches and sixteen (16) ounce plumb bob. tool bag, six (6) foot ruler, fifty (50) foot tape, chalk box, dry line, setting bar, hammer, pitching tool, two (2) carbide chisels, canvass losses. Tools shall include a four (4) foot level, trowel, mallet, made by the Employer within fifteen (15) working days of such Payment to employees for losses of tools and clothing shall be

sary to the trade. man Stone Setters shall work with any and all of the tools necesthe setting, cleaning or pointing of any stone work. Only Journey-Under no circumstances shall an employer apply himself to

setting, pointing and cleaning of all stone or substitutes thereof. The Employer shall furnish all materials necessary for the

of 3 Stone Setters working on the job site for a minimum anticito the stone setting operations. pated period of 6 weeks; (c) The shanty is located reasonably close ager free of charge to the Employer, (b) There must be a minimum The heat is supplied by the general contractor or construction manthe winter months upon the following terms and conditions: (a) A shanty shall be supplied by the Employer to provide heat in

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ARTICLE 14

SHOP STEWARD

Section 1. Shop Steward

as Shop Steward. The Employer may layoff one shop steward. this Agreement as to the continued employment of the replacement However, the Employer, for just cause, reserves the right under ond person employed shall be referred by the Union and designated each job shall have a Shop Steward appointed as follows: the sec-Shop Steward. (a) To effect the observance of this Agreement,

complied with. He shall retain possession of the key to the Stone Setters and Stone Tenders on the job are employed in accortrade as defined herein is and that all terms of this Agreement are dance with this Agreement. He shall see that the classification of securely locked at quitting times. toolhouse and see that it is open in ample time at starting time, (b) The Shop Steward shall determine that all

sible. He is to work as a Stone Setter and not to use his position as performed with the least inconvenience to his Employer as pos-Shop Steward's performance of his duties as such which shall be Stone Setter. He shall be one (1) of the last two (2) Stone Setters on Shop Steward as an excuse to avoid performance of his duties as a performing the work. the operation including the Foreman, provided he is capable of (c) The Employer shall not interfere with the

> with, when visiting any operation where Stone Setters are em-Union representatives shall not be interfered

Journeyman Stone Setters are employed. business Agent be interfered with when visiting any operation where for inquiry after the cards of men working on any job nor shall the at once until the matter is brought before the joint Arbitration attention to any violations of this Agreement, he shall be reinstated Section 3. If a Shop Steward be discharged for inspecting the cards of the employees on the job, or for calling the Foreman's Committee for settlement. No Shop Steward shall be discharged

ARTICLE 15 SAFETY

mason builder or owner whenever necessary to protect life and Protection must be provided by either the general contractor,

useful to establish any claim of the injured member or beneficiary Steward shall immediately cease work, and shall then investigate the cause of the accident and gather all evidence, such as would be In the event of an injury by accident to an employee, the Shop

APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM ARTICLE 16

of Stamps as set forth in article 26. Apprentices may be used in a contribution to the Apprenticeship Fund through the prepurchase Union and the Employer. Each employer shall make the designated istered by a joint committee, appointed in equal number by the apprenticeship system for the industry, such system to be admin-Both parties to this Agreement agreeto maintain an adequate

setting gang. Wages of apprentices shall be the following percentage of Journeyman's rate:

100%the sixth 750 hours	90%the fifth 750 hours	,80%the fourth 750 hours	70%the third 750 hours	60%the second 750 hours	50%the first 750 hours
the sixth 750 hours	the fifth 750 hours	the fourth 750 hours	the third 750 hours	the second 750 hours	the first 750 hours

One apprentice may be employed for each two stone setters employed on the job.

ARTICLE 17 FOREMAN

When four or more employees are on an operation or employed by a firm, a setter shall be designated as Foreman, who shall receive at least as much above the standard rate of wages as other Foremen over their standard rate (with a minimum of \$12.00 per day worked above the standard rate). He shall be paid straight time.

ARTICLE 18 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

When setting pre-cast or a panelized stone system up to an elevation of 50 feet above grade (street level), a minimum of one (1) Stone Setter shall be utilized regardless of the size of the unit. If, in the Employer's discretion, another employee is needed to set stone up to an elevation of fifty (50) feet on pre-cast or a panelized stone system, the employee shall be a second Stone Setter. A second Stone Setter will be utilized on pre-cast or a panelized stone system where the elevation is fifty (50) feet or above.

ARTICLE 19 LU.B.A.C. - CBA AND OTHER CBA's

The Employer shall not enter into any other collective bargaining agreement which provides for manning the work of the Stone Setter or Stone Tender.

If an Employer having an agreement directly with the I.U.B.A.C. of America does any work in the territory covered by this Agreement, the employer must comply with all the conditions contained in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20 NOTICE

All employers agree to notify the office of Subordinate Union 1, New York, or Business Agent, prior to starting date of any stone setting operation.

ARTICLE 21 UNION DUES BOOKS

On jobs where employees are required to obtain identification tags or cards before starting and are required to return same to the job office at quitting time, or where the tool house provided for their tools and wearing apparel is distant one hundred fifty (150) feet from the building operation, Employees shall not leave the tool house until starting time and the same consideration shall be allowed them at quitting time.

Consideration shall be given to employees working above twelve (12) stories if elevator service is not maintained, a reasonable time being allowed to and from work.

shall not be liable for any of the cost and expense of this training nications Standard and also be given a C.P.R. course. The Union All employees will be trained under OSHA's Hazard Commut= =

compensation for attending such training course. tion of said training. Employees shall not be entitled to receive the Employer's request, identification cards certifying to the comple-All employees shall produce within forty eight (48) hours of

NON-UNION EMPLOYERS ARTICLE 22

wages as provided in this Agreement within the jurisdiction limits agreement to comply with all rules and regulations and to pay work for any Employer, including subcontractors, not signing an No Stone Setter, Stone Tender or Apprentice shall perform

cluding the name of the principal officer of each member on an ployer members, giving each member's full name and address, inannual basis. The Employer shall provide to the Union a list of the Em-

SEVERABILITY **ARTICLE 23**

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shall not invalidate the other portions of this Agreement, but any or clauses of this Agreement is or are void or illegal, such decision ment shall be considered binding between the parties hereto court shall be stricken out and the remaining portion of this Agreesuch clause or clauses declared void or illegal by a Federal or State any Federal or State court shall at any time decide that any clause It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that if

WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS **ARTICLE 24**

tions for the duration of this Agreement shall be as follows: Section 1. Stone Setters wages and fringe benefit contribu-

Wage/ Fringe Package

Current \$55.90.

between wages and/or funds. Total \$57.57. 7/1/99 \$1.67 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union

between wages and/or funds. Total \$59.53 7/1/2000 \$1.96 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union

between wages and/or funds. Total \$61.77. 7/1/2001 \$2.24 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union

\$15.62 PER HOUR 0.30 PER HOUR 0.36 PER HOUR

0.05 PER HOUR
2.75 PER HOUR
0.01 PER HOUR
0.02 PER HOUR
\$19.11 PER HOUR

WAGES AND BENEFIT SCALE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999 - August 31, 1999 STONE SETTERS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Trade A advise you that a distribution of \$1.67 per I July 1, 1999 wages and fringe benefits co increased to \$57.56 per hour.

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The wage/fringe breakdown effective is as

(NON-TAXABLE) INTL. PENSION FUND I.M.I. INSURANCE & WELFARE NEW YORK PENSION FUND ANNUITY FUND LABOR MAGMT. RELATIONS	WAGES LOCAL DUES CHECK OFF I.U. DUES CHECK OFF DEFENSE FUND I.U. BAC PAC LOCAL BAC PAC VACATION FUND (TOTAL TAXABLE)
\$ 1.50 PER HOUR 0.75 PER HOUR 6.00 PER HOUR 5.30 PER HOUR 5.50 PER HOUR 0.20 PER HOUR 0.15 PER HOUR	931.23 PER HOUR 0.70 PER HOUR 0.57 PER HOUR 0.11 PER HOUR 0.03 PER HOUR 0.02 PER HOUR 6.50 PER HOUR 838.18 PER HOUR

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Agreement, we wish to HOGES hour increase, effective contributions have been DEFENSE FUND VACATION FUND LOCAL BAC PAC IU BAC PAC IU BAC PAC IU BAC PAC	(TAXABLE)
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TOTAL PACKAGE	(NON-TAXABLE) I.U. PENSION FUND I.M.I. INSURANCE & WELFARE NEW YORK PENSION FUND ANNUITY FUND JATC LMO
\$31.72	\$ 0.60 PER HOUR 0.33 PER HOUR 6.00 PER HOUR 2.65 PER HOUR 2.75 PER HOUR 0.08 PER HOUR 0.20 PER HOUR \$12.61 PER HOUR

(\$4.00 PER DAY TOOL ALLOWANCE)

\$19.40 PER HOUR

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BAC PAC LOCAL #1 NY

BAC PAC INTL.

LOCAL DUES NY LOCAL#1

JATC

LABOR MAGMT. RELATIONS

I.U. DUES

I.M.I.

DEFENSE FUND ANNUITY FUND WELFARE FUND

INTL. PENSION FUND (NON-TAXABLE)

1.50 PER HOUR

1.87 PER HOUR 4.40 PER HOUR

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999 - August 31, 1999 WAGES AND BENEFIT SCALE STONE TENDERS

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increased to \$37.24 per hour. July 1, 1999 wages and fringe benefits contributions have been Pursuant to the provisions of the Trade Agreement, we wish to advise you that a distribution of \$1.08 per hour increase, effective

The wage/fringe breakdown effective is as follows:

(TOTAL TAXABLE)	BAC PAC NY LOCAL #1	I.U. DUES CHECK OFF	LOCAL DUES CHECK OFF	WAGES
\$28.77 PER HOUR	0.02 PER HOUR	0.37 PER HOUR	0.52 PER HOUR	\$27.73 PER HOUR

<i>S</i> 2	\$27.73 PER HOUR
DUES CHECK OFF	0.52 PER HOUR
JES CHECK OFF	0.37 PER HOUR
SE FUND	0.11 PER HOUR
AC NY LOCAL #1	0.02 PER HOUR
AC INTL.	0.02 PER HOUR
TAXABLE)	\$28.77 PER HOUR

	JATC	LABOR MAGMT. RELATIONS	ANNUITY FUND	NEW YORK PENSION FUND	INSURANCE & WELFARE	I.M.I.	INTL. PENSION FUND	(NON-TAXABLE)
\$18.28 PER HOUR	0.15 PER HOUR	0.20 PER HOUR	5.50 PER HOUR	5.30 PER HOUR	4.88 PER HOUR	0.75 PER HOUR	\$ 1.50 PER HOUR	

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 WAGES AND BENEFIT SCALE

STONE SETTERS

follows: The wage/fringe breakdown effective September 1, 1999 is as

LOCAL DUES CHECK OFF

WAGES

\$31.84 PER HOUR

0.11 PER HOUR 0.58 PER HOUR 0.70 PER HOUR

0.03 PER HOUR

I.U. BAC PAC DEFENSE FUND I.U. DUES CHECK OFF

VACATION FUND LOCAL BAC PAC

(TOTAL TAXABLE,

\$39.28 PER HOUR 6.00 PER HOUR 0.02 PER HOUR

	JATC	LABOR MAGMT. RELATIONS	ANNUITY FUND	NEW YORK PENSION FUND	INSURANCE & WELFARE	I.M.I.	INTL. PENSION FUND	(NON-TAXABLE)
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PER	PER	PER	PER	PER	PER	PER	PER	
\$18.28 PER HOUR	HO	0.20 PER HOUR	5.50 PER HOUR	5.30 PER HOUR	4.88 PER HOUR	0.75 PER HOUR	\$ 1.50 PER HOUR	
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\$ 9.51 PER HOUR 0.02 PER HOUR 0.02 PER HOUR 0.37 PER HOUR 0.52 PER HOUR 0.05 PER HOUR 0.10 PER HOUR 0.55 PER HOUR 0.11 PER HOUR

APPRENTICE RATES (Starting Apprentice)

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WAGES I.U DUES CHECK OFF LOCAL DUES CHECK OFF DEFENSE FUND VACATION FUND LOCAL BAC PAC IU BAC PAC (TOTAL TAXABLE)
\$16.24 PER HOUR 0.32 PER HOUR 0.36 PER HOUR 0.05 PER HOUR 3.25 PER HOUR 0.01 PER HOUR 0.01 PER HOUR 520.25 PER HOUR

JATC ANNUITY FUND NEW YORK PENSION FUND INSURANCE & WELFARE I.U. PENSION FUND (NON-TAXABLE) 0.60 PER HOUR

0.20 PER HOUR 0.08 PER HOUR 2.75 PER HOUR 2.65 PER HOUR 4.88 PER HOUR 0.33 PER HOUR

\$11.48 PER HOUR

\$31.74

TOTAL PACKAGE

(\$4.00 PER DAY TOOL ALLOWANCE)

Four dollars (\$4.00) per day will be paid as a Tool Allowance for Fringe Benefits will be based upon hours paid

of a Stone Setter.

are one hundred percent (100%) of the fringe benefit contribution

Contributions for Apprentices who have obtained 2250 hours

the duration of this Agreement for all Stone Setters and Appren-

exceed the IRS 25% of compensation rule. The reduced fringe works alone fringe benefits shall be paid at the Journeyman rate). the Apprentice works with a Journeyman (i.e., if the Apprentice benefit rate set forth above for apprentices shall apply only when All increments to be allowed to fringe benefit funds shall no

benefits shall be coordinated with the beginning of the nearest paythe Trustees of the Fringe Benefit Funds. Increases in wages and at each yearly interval may be reallocated by Local I upon notice to roll week. the Employer, if such realloctaion is determined to be necessary by It is understood and agreed that the total hourly increase due

and contributions provided for in this Article is essential for the continued efficient operation of each of the Funds. The prompt submission of reports and payments of all wages

assessments, interest, and liquidated damages as shall be adopted ment or collection procedures (arbitration, court, N.R.L.B, or othby applicable law. by the Trustees of such Funds and as shall otherwise be provided tion with such procedures including attorney's fees and such other erwise) shall be required to pay all costs and expenses in connecwage or fringe benefit contributions which necessitates enforce-An employer who fails to make prompt timely payment of Document 6

STONE TENDERS **ARTICLE 25**

Section 1. Stone Tenders wages and fringe benefit contributions for the duration of this Agreement shall be as follows:

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Wage/ Fringe Package

Current \$36.16

between wages and/or funds. 7/1/99 \$1.08 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union

between wages and/or funds. 7/1/2000 \$1.27 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union

7/1/2001 \$1.45 Increase to be allocated and re-allocated by the Union between wages and/or funds.

> benefit rate set forth above for apprentices shall apply only when works alone fringe benefits shall be paid at the Journeyman rate) the Apprentice works with a Journeyman (i.e., if the Apprentice provided to Journeymen under this Agreement. The reduced fringe ment. Thereafter, they shall receive the same fringe benefit as ment as Apprentices (for all employers combined) under this Agree-Apprentices only during the first two (2) years of their employ-The foregoing Apprentice fringe benefit rate shall apply to

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Section 3. Duties of the Stone Tenders shall be to tend to the need of Stone Setters to include: Handling of natural stone, artificial stone precast or any substitute for stone; The unloading of all equipment and material needed to accomplish any stone setting operation; Operation of fork lifts or lulls for unloading or distributing stone, cement, rigging, plank, anchors, angle irons or any other material needed to accomplish any stone setting operation.

Section 4. Local No. 1 shall have the right to have health and welfare fringe benefits for Stone Tenders provided through the Bricklayers Fringe Benefits Fund of BAC Local No. 1.

Section 5. Stone Tenders who are Certified Welders along with setters who are certified welders shall do all welding on stone jobs. All of the duties of a Stone Tender shall be done under the supervision of a Stone Setter Foreman. Stone Tenders shall be required to do all rigging and hanging of chain falls. They shall be able to demonstrate proper hand signals to equipment operators of cherry pickers and conventional cranes when stones are being set from 50 feet elevation and below.

Section 6. On jobs where 6 or more Stone Tenders are employed, one shall be foreman, who shall be required to report to work and perform assigned duties, five days a week, and shall receive straight time pay, except for layoff, and shall perform work assigned by the Employer.

Section 7. There shall be no manning ratios for Stone Tenders, except on panel, curtainwalls, truss or architectural precast where Stone Setters and Stone Tenders shall form a composite crew which shall be 50-50. If crew consists of an uneven amount of men, the contractor shall have the right to select the additional man. This crew shall be responsible for all bolting, welding, drilling, burning and any other operation which may be needed in the erection process.

ARTICLE 26 TRUST FUNDS

All the following Funds shall be administrated by joint committees of Trustees and shall at all times be under the protection, supervision and control of said committees of Trustees. The Union shall furnish the Administrator with signed copies of all Collective Bargaining Agreements.

The contributions for all Funds shall be deposited into various Funds accounts to be used to purchase insurance, hospitalization, medical sick benefits, vacations, etc., in accordance with the Trust Agreements.

All payments for stamps shall be by check for members of the Employer. All payments other than members of the Employer shall be in cash, certified check, or bank check. Payment of wages to individual employees shall be by check from members of the Employer. Any other employers shall pay cash, or certified check.

No stamps shall be furnished to any delinquent employer; each employer must make a positive or negative employment report by the 15th of the month following each calendar month of employment. No stamps may be sold to an employer, not making such report. At the same time as the above report is made, the employer shall furnish the Fund Office with individual checks for payments for Labor-Management Cooperation Fund and Apprenticeship Fund.

The employee who continues to work for any employer after not receiving his weekly pay and/or fringe benefit stamps, and does not notify the Union of Fund Office of such fact shall have his eligibility suspended for all Funds until the deliquencies have been paid by the employer.

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and other employees of the proper amount of contributions and lous employers and employees conspiring to deprive the Funds The intent of the foregoing provisions is to prevent unscrupu-

administrative fee if the check is dishonored by the bank. An employer purchasing stamps by check will be charged 2%

various Funds on the same conditions as other Journeyman Stone Setters. In such case the Union shall pay the contributions as any other employer to the Funds. be considered employees of the Union and shall become parties to Stone Setters who are full-time paid officers of the Union shall

FUNDS AUDIT ARTICLE 27

and a service charge of ten (10%) percent of the amount found to be reasonable attorneys fees incurred by the Trustees, audit charges, to permit an audit of its books and records, the employer shall pay it is found delinquent in the payment of contributions, or if it fails correct contributions have been made. The employer agrees that if or their designated representatives, in order to determine whether and records by the Trustees of the several trust Funds named herein, Each employer shall at all times permit an audit of its books

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FAVORABLE TERMS ARTICLE 28

of Local 1 which shall provide more favorable terms to such employer, including rates of pay or conditions of employment, than are provided in this Agreement, it will and hereby does authorize with any employer or association within the territorial jurisdiction The Union agrees that in the event it enters into any contract

> come a part of this Agreement. able terms and conditions will immediately and automatically beten (10) days written notice thereof to the Union, such more favor-Under the exercise of such option by the Employer upon at least the Employer to adopt such more favorable terms as its option

DUES CHECKOFFS **ARTICLE 29**

dues checkoff of every person referred by the Union to the em-Agreement. The Union agrees to obtain a written authorization of dues, the amount of assessments provided for in Article 24 of this duly authorizes the employer to make such deductions for Union ployee covered by this Agreement who individually, in writing, The employer agrees to deduct from the wages of each em-

the offices of the Employer. the offices of the Union, and a copy thereof shall be kept on file at The original signed authorization cards shall be kept on file at

Stamp purchase for such purpose. Each employer shall file the Funds nor the Trustees thereof shall have any responsibility for report form furnished for reporting dues checkoff. Neither the tance of any dues withheld from its employees in excess of the checkoff. Each employer shall remain responsible for the remitbe made after receipt of employer reports verifying employee dues contributions to the various Fringe Benefit Funds provided for in the collection of dues withheld by employers hereunder. this Agreement. Remittance by the Fund office to the Union shall shall be made by pre-purchase of Stamps utilized for the making of Remittance by the employer of the sums deducted from wages

conveniece and neither the Funds nor the Trustees thereof shall The transmittal of dues checkoff to the Fund office is only a

any interest in or any responsibility with respect thereto

by counsel for the parties hereto. with respect to whom a deduction is to be made shall be approved The Form of Authorization to be signed by each employee

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be made by any employer when there is no collective bargaining agreement in effect to which the employer and the Union are parthis Article shall be of no force and effect and no deductions shall It is expressly agreed that the authorizations furnished under

on behalf of the employer and the employer shall cooperate with and damages to which the employer at any time may be subject by the Union in the defense thereof. its sole cost and expense shall undertake the defense of such claim the employer harmless from all claims, losses, expenses, liability to this Article and the Union hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the employer, the Union and the employer agree that the Union, at reason thereof. If any such claim is asserted or threatened against wages made by such employer and remitted to the Union pursuant ties for the validity and legality of the deductions from the employee's It is expressly agreed that the Union assumes full responsibili-

TRUST AGREEMENTS ARTICLE 30

said respective Funds. tional Security Benefits, Vacation, Apprenticeship, and Labor-The employer agrees to abide by the decision of the Trustees of Management Cooperation Funds, and any amendments thereto. Trust Agreement pertaining to Welfare, Pension, Annuity, Addi-The employer agrees to be bound by the provisions of the

NON-EMPLOYERS ARTICLE 31

on a form provided by the Union. This report is separate from the teenth (15th) day of the month for work performed in the preceeding remittance report, and must be filed with the Union by the fifnumber of hours of each type of work performed by each employee their social security numbers, the type of work performed and the file with the Union a report indicating the names of the employees, Union until notice is given. These contractors shall complete and hours will result in a penalty of \$500.00 per day to be paid to the of starting operations. Failure to notify the Union forty eight (48) ting out joints, must notify the Union within forty eight (48) hours ing, sandblasting, patching, insulating, applying scalants and cut-Contractors who exclusively perform pointing, caulking, clean-

SUBCONTRACTING/SUBLETTING **ARTICLE 32**

or corporation which is not in a contractual relationship with Local construction work covered by this Agreement to any person, firm The Employer agrees not to subcontract or sublet any new

ARTICLE 33 BONDING

(12) months shall be required to post a bond in the amount of Ten men Stone Setters Local 1 Fringe Benefit Funds as provided in pany to guarantee the obligations of the Employer to the Journey. Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars from an acceptable surety com-Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars in stamps within the previous twelve the jurisdiction of this Agreement or that has not purchased Ten Any Employer that does not maintain a permanent office within

The undersigned employer has read the Stone Setters and Stone Tenders Agreement between the Employer and the Bricklayers and

Allied Crastworkers Local Union No. 1, as set forth in the foregoing pages and agrees to abide and be absolutely bound by such Agreement and any modification or amendments that may be executed between the above parties during the term of this Agreement. The undersigned is affixing his signature in a dual capacity both on behalf of himself and on behalf of the employer and represents by his signature his authority to bind the firm and the principals and members thereof.

Employer

Signature and Title

Print or Type Name and Title

Signature and Title
Print or Type Name and Title
Address (Print or Type)
Telephone No.
Accepted By: BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTSWORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1
By: Santo Lanzafame, President

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND

BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1. STONE SETTERS AND STONE TENDERS

BAC Local Union No. 1, New York ("Local 1") has concluded negotiations with Independent Contractors for the stone setting and stone tending trades. The following changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent Contractors and Local 1 Stone Setters and Stone Tenders effective July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005 have been agreed upon and will commence on July 1, 2005 and extend for a period of four (4) years. All other terms and conditions of the prior agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The following changes were agreed upon:

TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement shall be July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009 and this Agreement shall incorporate all previous terms and conditions Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent Contractors ("employer") and Local 1 Stone Setters and Stone Tenders effective July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005 except as modified herein.

WAGES

STONE SETTER

STONE TENDER

Current Wage and Fringe Bonesits \$70.57	Current Wage and Fringe Benefits \$45.96
July 1, 2005 Increase \$2.00	July 1, 2005 Increaso \$1.30
July 1, 2006 Increase \$2.00	July 1, 2006 Increase \$1.50
July 1, 2007 Increase \$2.00	July 1, 2007 Increase \$1.50
July 1, 2008 Increase \$2.00	July 1, 2008 Increase \$1.50

All increases to be allocated and re-allocated by Local 1.

In the event that the employer enters into any agreement with any other trade or craft containing a more favorable annual increase in the wage and benefit package than those contained herein, the employer agrees that such more favorable terms and conditions shall automatically be extended to Local 1 and the employees covered by this Agreement.

The employer and Local 1 agree that this Agreement is pursuant to Section 9A of the National Labor Relations Act. The employer hereby: a) acknowledges that Local 1 has demonstrated proof that Local 1 represents a majority of employees performing the bargaining unit work described by the Agreement; b) recognizes Local 1 as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for all employees within the bargaining unit on all present and future jobsites and c) agrees that Local 1 Stone Setters shall perform all work of the stone setting trade as described in the Agreement and Local 1 Stone Tenders shall perform all work of the stone tender trade as described in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the panies have signed this agreement on the 30th day illune, 2004.

B. C.OCAL UNION NO. 1

StortSetters and Stone Tenders

Pres ion

Company Name

Company Name

Street Address

Telephone Number

Prin Name

Signature

Signature

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DAVID J. ARONSTAM, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the courts of New York State, affirms the following under the penalties of perjury: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside at New York, New York. On June 15, 2007, I served the DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND SUPPORTING DECLARATION on:

Delmas Costin, Esq. Holm & O'Hara LLP Attorneys for Plaintiffs 3 West 35th Street, 9th floor New York, New York 10001

by depositing a true copy thereof by first class mail enclosed in a post-paid wrapper in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within New York State.

Dated: New York, New York June 15, 2007

DAVID J. ARONSTAM